

# By-Cycle

Bicycle News from the  
Maricopa County Department of Transportation



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## Reed Kempton new MCDOT Bicycle Planner

Reed Kempton has taken over the responsibilities as the Alternative Modes Transportation Planner for MCDOT. He moved into the slot vacated when Aaron Iverson accepted a position with a private consultant.

Reed has been active in bicycle advocacy in Arizona for many years. He served on the Governor's Arizona Bicycle Task Force and was elected chair for 1999. He helped organize the Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists, worked as its first executive director, and served for several years as a member of the board of directors.

Reed has presented cycling issues to the Governor's Vision-21 Transportation Task Force, the ProBike/ProWalk International Conference, the Arizona State Legislature, and various local councils and agencies around Arizona.

As a commuter cyclist in the valley since 1971 and a recreational cyclist who has pedaled over 40 percent of Arizona's paved highways, Reed is intimately familiar with the problems and concerns of today's cyclists. He frequently rides a 40-mile round trip commute through the streets of Mesa, Tempe, and Phoenix to get to work.

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## Meetings

**1.11.2000** 2:30 PM

### Maricopa County Bicycle Advisory Committee

MCDOT – Mariopa Room  
2901 W. Durango Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85009

### January 2000

#### Public Meeting Schedule

The public meeting schedule is subject to change. Please call to confirm dates and times.

**1.12.2000**

### I-17 Frontage Road Corridor Study

MCDOT Contact: Leo Trinidad 602.506.5856  
Location: Ben Avery Activity Center 1/2 mile  
West of I-17 on Carefree Highway  
Time: 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**1.25.2000**

### Williams/Higley Roads Crossing

Williams Field/Higley Road intersection improvement meeting. Project involves mostly lane widening to improve traffic safety. Widening will mostly be to the South and there may be an impact on businesses on the southwest corner. The details are being looked at currently and changes to the parking arrangements in front of these businesses may occur. MCDOT  
Contact: Nicolaas Swart 602.506.0599  
Location: Higley Elementary School  
Time: 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

For current updates, check the Maricopa  
County Web Site at [www.maricopa.gov](http://www.maricopa.gov)

**BIKE TO WORK WEEK APRIL 9-15**

# Projects

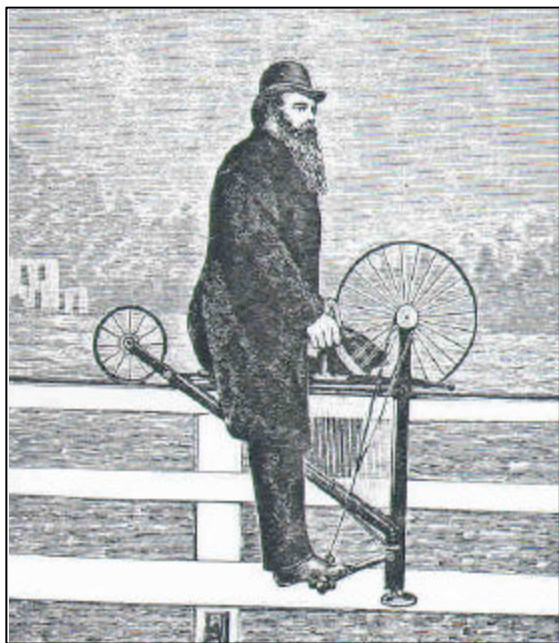
## MCDOT receives award for bicycle project

The Bush Highway/Usery Pass Bicycle Lanes Project received a 1999 Governor's Pride in Arizona Award from Arizona Clean and Beautiful. The project added paved shoulders to about 14 miles of highway on Usery Pass Road and Bush Highway. Its completion was made possible through the use of ISTEA enhancement funds.

The project improved safety for both cyclists and motorists on the popular route connecting the City of Mesa, Usery Pass Park, and the Salt River Recreation Area.

The MAG Regional Pedestrian Plan is in final draft form and will be completed soon.

The MAG Bicycle Committee has begun work on the MAG Regional Off-Street System Plan.



*Monorail proposal gaining momentum. Details of this unique transit technology will be released soon.*

## Walking and Bicycling into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

“Creating an Off-Street Path System in an Urban Environment”

April 25-26, 2000

Tempe Mission Palms Hotel

Cost: \$88

Plan to attend a stimulating and rewarding seminar where you will learn new and effective methods to create a viable urban off-street path system for your community. National and regional experts will demonstrate how you can prove how a network of linked paths can help communities reduce traffic congestion, improve the health of residents, and create a more livable community.

The two-day conference presenters include: Charles A. Flink, ASLA, president of Greenways Inc., one of the nation's leading greenway planners, having completed comprehensive plans for 100 communities in 27 states, including a system design for the Grand Canyon National Park; James D. Coffman, ASLA, a veteran trails planner from the Phoenix area with Todd & Associates; and Jennifer L. Toole, AICP & Bruce W. Landis, P.E., AICP of SCI, a nationally-recognized organization based in Washington D.C. providing bicycle, pedestrian, urban trail, and transit planning & design services. This broad array of experts will outline effective cutting-edge planning methods that enable you to help better expand your community's urban path system.

To receive a registration packet (mailed out in February 2000), please call Maureen DeCindis at Valley Metro 602.534.1814 or e-mail [mdecindis@vm.maricopa.gov](mailto:mdecindis@vm.maricopa.gov) and leave your name and address.

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## Enhancement Projects Selected

In December, the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC) met to select projects for nearly \$15 million of TEA-21 funding. The projects were submitted by the state's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). The ADOT projects were ranked separately from those sponsored by the MPOs. The results are not final until approved by the State Transportation Board. There were 58 MPO and 25 ADOT projects submitted for this funding session.

The MPO projects selected in the order of highest priority are:

Historic Catlin Court Shared Use Alleyway  
*City of Glendale*

Exterior Rail Depot Restoration  
*Town of Patagonia*

East Main Canal Multi-use Pathway  
*City of Yuma*

Safety Village *YMPO*

Railroad Heritage Pedestrian Plaza  
*City of Benson*

FQ Story Historic District Intersection  
Walkway *City of Phoenix*

Railhead to Snowflake Multi-use Path  
*City of Flagstaff*

Los Angeles (Old SR80) Landscaping &  
Path *Town of Wellton*

Silver King Hotel *Town of Florence*

Rio Salado/Scottsdale Pathway Link  
*City of Tempe*

I-10 Neighborhood Art & Landscaping  
*City of Tucson*

Catalina Highway Bike Lanes  
*Pima County DOT*

Canal Multi-use Path *City of Tempe*

Paseo Project Phase Three *City of Chandler*

Queen Creek Walkway & Pedestrian Bridge  
*Town of Superior*

A Ave. Sidewalks & Landscaping  
*City of Douglas*

3<sup>rd</sup> Street Alvernon Bike/Ped. Crossing  
*City of Tucson*

Mohave Wash Pathway *City of Kingman*

Thunderbird Paseo Shared-use Path  
*City of Glendale*

Heritage Trail (Chandler Segment)  
*Town of Gilbert*

The ADOT projects selected in the order of highest priority are:

SR77 Sidewalks, Mammoth

US60 Superior – Pedestrian Underpass

SR85 Ajo Sidewalks

SR387 Pinal Av. Landscaping, Casa Grande

SR89A Sedona Main Street Beautification

I-19 Valencia Road Art, Tucson

SR260 Camp Verde Ped. Imprv & Lndscape

Globe – Gateway Enhancement Phase One

US95 Gadsden & Somerton Retention Basins

40B Andy Devine Multi-use Pathway &

Landscaping, Kingman

US60 Peoria Grand Ave. Pedestrian

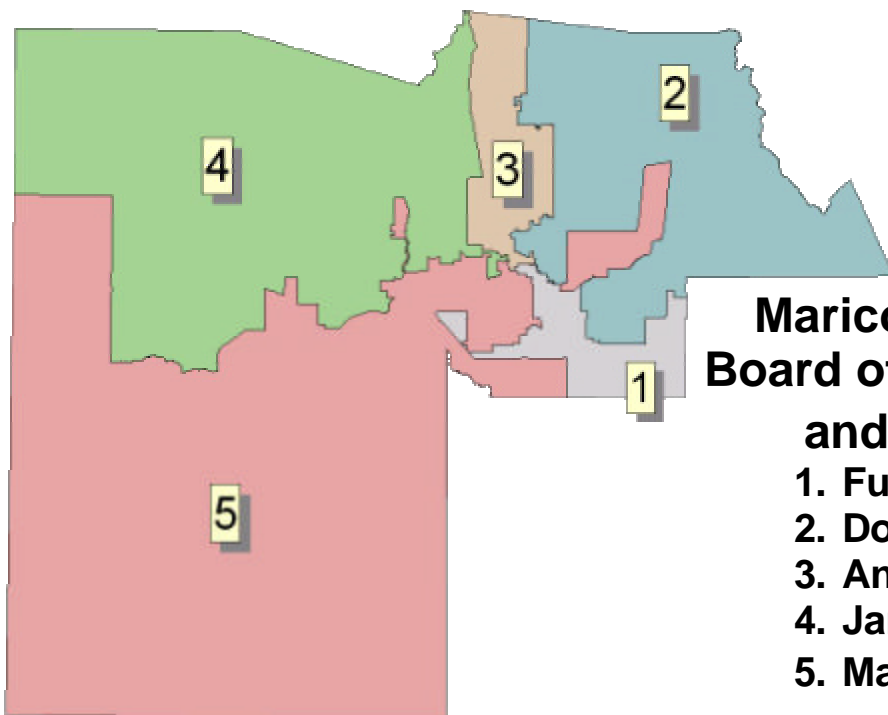
Crossings

I-10 Valencia Road Sidewalk & Bike Lane,  
Tucson

MCDOT submitted the McDowell Mountain Road Bicycle Lanes project through MAG. It was one of five on-street projects submitted and was ranked 40 of 58.

The MCDOT Bicycle Web Site is located at:

<http://www.mcdot.maricopa.gov/Planning/Management%20Systems/bicycle.html>



## Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and Districts

1. Fulton Brock
2. Don Stapley
3. Andy Kunasek
4. Jan Brewer
5. Mary Rose Wilcox

The MCDOT Bicycle Advisory Committee is made up of ten citizen members, two from each district. These individuals are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and serve three-year terms. The current members of this committee are:

Bob Bogle – Chair  
Wayne Churchman  
Garry Jagers  
Yvonne Morrison  
Jim Burke  
Don Reeves  
Gene Berlatsky  
Bob Sutherland  
Donald Henry

There is currently one unfilled position and the potential for more vacancies as people move on to other challenges. If you are interested in serving on this committee, contact Reed Kempton at 602.506.1630. The committee meets at 2:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every other month beginning with January.

### ***On your left!***

I would like to welcome you to the first issue of *MCDOT By-Cycle*. The goal of this newsletter is to keep you informed about cycling issues affecting Maricopa County. I will try to list public meetings, project updates, phone numbers, and other bits of information that you might find useful. This is an electronic newsletter and will be distributed directly to your personal e-mail. If you would like to subscribe or unsubscribe, send an e-mail message to [reedkempton@mail.maricopa.gov](mailto:reedkempton@mail.maricopa.gov).

For those of you not familiar with cycling terminology, “on your left” is a phrase used to alert other cyclists that you are passing them. It is a phrase I like to use while riding my bike. I am seldom content to take a comfortable position in the pack and follow the leader the entire distance. I am more likely to push the pace to a higher level and then attack in the hills. I intend to bring this assertive approach to the bicycle coordinator position to put MCDOT at the front of the paceline and then encourage everyone else to keep up.

*Reed*